IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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) Civil Action No. 05-542 (KAJ
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INTERIM STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order of November 29, 2005, the parties hereby present their Interim Status Report.

- 1. The parties have reached an agreement-in-principle to voluntarily settle the lawsuit. Counsel for the parties are presently drafting a Settlement Agreement. Assuming the settlement is consummated, the parties expect shortly to file a Stipulation and Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice.
- 2. The parties previously have stipulated to adjourn the date to amend the pleadings and/or join additional parties from January 31, 2006 to March 31, 2006. To avoid unnecessary filings and litigation expense, and to allow the parties time to negotiate and finalize a settlement, the parties have further stipulated to adjourn the date to amend the pleadings and/or join additional parties to April 28, 2006. An executed stipulation to such effect is included with this interim status report and the parties respectfully request that the stipulation be so ordered.
- 3. The Court has scheduled a telephonic Status Conference for March 29, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. The parties believe that the Status Conference scheduled for March 29, 2006 should

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be taken off the Court's calendar in light of the above referenced agreement in principle to settle the lawsuit.

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